

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion, is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this response, as the response places the application in clear condition for allowance, for the reasons discussed in detail below.

Upon entry of this response, Claims 1-22 are pending in the application; Claims 8 and 9 having been amended by way of the present response. Applicants respectfully assert that support for the changes to the claims is self-evident from the originally filed disclosure, including the original claims, and that therefore no new matter has been added.

In the Office Action Claims 8 and 10-12 were objected to; the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; and Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Initially, Applicants express thanks for the courtesies extended by Examiner Lee to Applicants' representative during the personal interview of December 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully assert that the following remarks, with the Interview Summary prepared by Examiner Lee, set forth the substance of the interview in accordance with MPEP § 713.04.

Applicants express thanks for the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-15 and 17-22 are allowed.

As stated above Claims 8 and 10-12 were objected to because of informalities. In response, Applicants have amended Claims 8 and 9 in a non-limiting manner to remove the recitations of "second," with respect to the recitations of "cooperating features." Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 8 and 10-12 be withdrawn.

As stated above the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), as not showing every features of an invention specified in the claims. As discussed, and as agreed to by Examiner Lee, during the personal interview, Applicants respectfully assert that Figures

2-4 show non-limiting examples of the claimed features of first and second directions, as recited in Claim 16. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

As stated above the specification was objected to as failing to provide antecedent basis for claimed subject matter. As discussed and as agreed to during the interview, Applicants respectfully assert that page 14, lines 4-15 of Applicants' originally filed specification provides support for the claimed features recited in Claim 16. With respect to the features recited in Claim 17, Applicants have amended the specification to explicitly state that "one or more covers can be moved a distance between opening and closing." Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

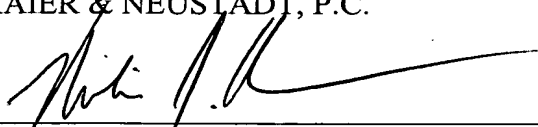
As stated above Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. As discussed and as agreed to by Examiner Lee Applicants respectfully assert that page 14, lines 4-15 of Applicant's originally filed disclosure provides support for the claimed features of first and second directions, and that the claimed recitations in Claim 16 are definite. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of Claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, be withdrawn. Inasmuch as the outstanding grounds of rejection of Claim 16 have been overcome, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 16.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-22 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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